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5 March 1963

### National ELINT Plan

1. The purposes of this memorandum are to establish the current situation regarding the development of a National ELINT Plan (NEP) and also to furnish background information relative to the history and progress to date.

2. In the fall of 1961, the Joint ELINT Study Group (JESG) submitted recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, including a draft DOD regulation. This regulation was approved by the Deputy Secretary of Defense but was not released pending review by DOD Staff Officers. On 30 October 1961, the Secretary of Defense requested that the National Security Agency (NSA) proceed with the drafting of the NEP, contemplating that the directive would soon be issued and that the JESG conclusions would be utilized. In November, the Director, NSA, proposed that representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff meet with NSA representatives to begin drafting of the plan; the JCS declined until the directive could be issued. When the directive was not issued by March, 1962, NSA made a second approach to the JCS but again no action was taken. With the arrival of [REDACTED] at NSA in July 1962, however, additional emphasis was given to the problem. This resulted in considerable staff work during the fall and winter months by NSA and the subsequent establishment of the present Steering Group.

3. On 4 February 1963, the first meeting of the Steering Group was convened at NSA to begin the drafting of the National ELINT Plan. [REDACTED] both indicated great concern over the need for such a plan and expressed their intention that a usable document would be drafted. The Steering Group was identified as follows:

FOIAb3c [REDACTED] Chairman

FOIAb3c [REDACTED] Alternate Chairman

[REDACTED] JCS Member

[REDACTED] JCS Alternate Member

FOIAb3d [REDACTED] DIA Member

[REDACTED] DIA Alternate Member

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25X1A9a Mr. G. Miller, CIA Member  
[REDACTED] CIA Alternate Member

FOIAb3c [REDACTED] Executive Secretary

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4. At the initial meeting, [REDACTED] defined the NEP as a document in which all resources either in being, or programmed to satisfy U.S. requirements for ELINT, would be integrated to provide an effective mechanism for planning, managing, operating, and utilizing ELINT resources. To accomplish this, the NEP must include requirement listings, resource inventories and the resource-requirements equation, all of which bear on the identification of gaps which must be filled, as well as the disposition of any excesses. The plan must also establish procedures which will ensure the continuous evaluation of ELINT capabilities, recognize component interfaces and identify responsibilities.

5. The Steering Group will prepare a final report with the assistance of designated Working Groups. Currently, the following Working Groups have been created, (only the Chairman and the CIA Members are listed):

(a) Requirements-Resources Working Group

FOIAb3d [REDACTED] DIA, Chairman  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] OSI, CIA Member  
[REDACTED] OEL, Alternate Member

(b) RDT&E Working Group

FOIAb3c [REDACTED] NSA, Chairman  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] OEL, CIA Member

(c) Special Projects Working Group

25X1A9a [REDACTED] NRO, Chairman  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] OEL, CIA Member

(d) Training Group

FOIAb3c [REDACTED] NSA, Chairman  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] OEL, CIA Member

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The Steering Group has established guide lines for each of these groups. He will also consider all of the special and clandestine projects, excluding those handled by the NRO, and reconcile submissions of the Special Projects Working Group with both the Requirements-Resources Working Group and with other clandestine projects.

6. To date, eight meetings of the Steering Group have been held and a draft outline for a National ELINT Plan (see Tab B) has been produced. Revising this draft outline will continue and the Steering Group will be in constant touch with each of the Working Groups. The extent to which ECM equipment will be inventoried and the method of evaluation of the total effort has not been completely resolved. In addition to these questions, the Steering Group is now reviewing areas in which problems may exist in order that the final plan will take cognizance of these problems or suggest a place where they should be considered.

7. Problems have been recognized in several areas and each will be investigated. General considerations in this category include the relationships and responsibilities of the various unified and specified commands of the Services with respect to NSA. Command prerogatives are firmly entrenched and in the past may not have been fully responsive to NSA direction. The question of full utilization of these assets consequently will be constantly injected into the discussions of the Steering Group and the Working Groups. Problems related thereto will have to be resolved.

8. Information will begin coming to the Steering Group from the Working Groups about mid-March and the over-all target date has been established as of 30 April. However, in view of the difficulty that the Requirements-Resources Working Group will have in establishing inventories and equating collection capabilities to requirements, it is doubtful whether this date can be met.

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